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DRUM AND A PISTON SLIDE  
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REQUEST TO BEGIN NATIONAL EXAMINATION

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office after publication and before 30 months from the priority date the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

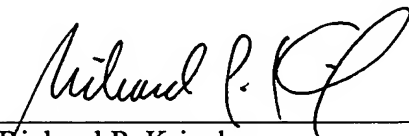
- I. This is an express request to immediately begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).
- II. A Preliminary Amendment, including a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification (21 pages). **PLEASE ENTER THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE CALCULATING ANY FEES DUE.**
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- IV. A check for the filing in the amount of \$900.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-1010 (677/44948).
- V. An English Translation of the International Application PCT/EP2005/010158 including 3 sheets of 3 Figs (14 pages).
- VI. An Assignment and cover sheet with a check in the amount of \$40.00.
- VII. A Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page).
- VIII. An Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO-1449 with 6 cited references.



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